

House Resolution No. 3791

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves to bettering the quality of life for their neighbors through their community involvement down through the years; and

Whereas, Tom Strong has distinguished himself throughout the Springfield, Missouri, area as a civic leader, benefactor, humanitarian, and outstanding trial attorney; and

Whereas, an ardent supporter of SMSU, Tom Strong was an important advocate of the name change; he also served on the Board of Governors of Southwest Missouri State University, as President of the SMSU Alumni Association, and was a key member in the SMSU Basketball Booster Club, the Kiwanis Club South in Springfield, and the YMCA Board of Directors; and

Whereas, the Strong family's three-million dollar gift to SMSU, the largest single gift in the University's history, will be used to fund two endowed department chairs and scholarships for graduate students; and

Whereas, Tom Strong has also enjoyed recognition by serving as Special Assistant to the State Attorney General on the Litigation team to determine the state's interests in tobacco litigation and secured a \$6.7 billion settlement for the state which led to significant reforms in the marketing of tobacco products; and

Whereas, Tom Strong is a recipient of the Order of Barristers award from the University of Missouri which is presented to attorneys exhibiting excellence in the art of courtroom advocacy, the W. Oliver Rasch Award by the Journal of the Missouri Bar for the best article appearing in the Journal during 1991, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Southwest Missouri State University; and

Whereas, Tom Strong served as President of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, the Missouri Board of Law Examiners, and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; and

Whereas, in addition, Tom Strong has been a Governor of the American Trial Lawyers Association and a member of the Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Tom Strong and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his contribution of time, energy, skills, and leadership to his community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Tom Strong.

Offered by _____
Representative Sara Lampe
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3791, adopted June 20, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker